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Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 32, 40, 50, 56, 60, 61 and 67 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Fukunaga (US 6,603,737) in view of Yoshino (US 6,691,150). Also, claim 62 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Fukunaga in view of Yoshino and further in view of Ludtke (US 6,421,069). Claims 52 and 59 however, were allowed. Also, claims 33-39, 41-49, 51, 54, 55, 57, 58 and 63-66 were indicated as being allowable if rewritten into independent form. Accordingly, the rejected claims have been cancelled and the claims that were objected to have been written into independent form.

In view of the amendments set forth above, the above-identified application is in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested.

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